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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**Applicants:** Casimer M. DeCusatis, et al.**Examiner:** Wesley D. Markham**Serial No.:** 09/976,545**Group Art Unit:** 1762**Filed:** October 12, 2001**Docket:** FIS920010130US1 (14563)**For:** REAL-TIME PROCESS CONTROL
FOR OPTICAL COMPONENT FABRICATION
USING WAVELENGTH LOCKED LOOPS**Dated:** June 22, 2004**Confirmation No.:** 1482Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

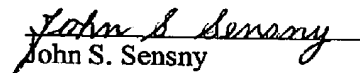
Sir:

In an Office Action dated June 3, 2004, the Examiner indicated that this application includes claims directed to two distinct and separate inventions as follows:

- I. Claims 1-10, which are drawn to a method of controlling the fabrication of an optical device; and
- II. Claims 11-17, which are drawn to a system for controlling the fabrication of an optical device.

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The Examiner required that this application be restricted to claims to one of these inventions.

In response to this requirement, Applicants select Claims 11-17 for prosecution in this application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a divisional application for the subject matter of any claims cancelled from this application due to this restriction requirement.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,


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